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<p>Attached is the report of an informal discussion between Richard BAUER, Chief of the BDC, and [ ] [ ], while the latter was on a TDY to Berlin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[ ] [ ] [ ]</p> <p>Attachment: As Stated, Herewith</p> <p>Distribution:            ② - C/CI/OPS, W/Att H/W (1 cy) <i>1 cy + att pulled and given to CIRA/PS</i>            2 - C/EUR, W/Att H/W (1 cy)            2 - COS [ ] [ ], W/Att H/W (1 cy)         </p> <p style="text-align: right;">E2 IMPDET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">100-6-139/3</p>			
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. In the morning of 24 June, I called Richard BAUER, Chief of the Berlin Documents Center (BDC) and told him that I was paying a brief visit to Berlin. He seemed very glad that I was here and said that he would very much like to talk to me. He said he had many personal questions that he would like to discuss with me. (In by-gone years he had sought my advice regarding personal matters on many occasions. Although I was never really able to advise him, it seemed to help him think things through by talking with me.) We decided to meet at the U.S. Snack Bar (not in his building) for a cup of coffee.
2. In the course of our chat BAUER told me that he was thinking of retiring in about a year. He wanted to know how things are in the U.S., how badly inflation had hurt the economy, and similar questions. He also said that he does not wish to stay in Germany more than another year, that he has no real roots or ties here and wants to return to the U.S. which, after all, is his home. The Washington, D.C. area holds little fascination for him and, therefore, he would like to settle somewhere in California.
3. In the past BAUER had always been very open with me and he was no different this time. He told me in great confidence that he had been able to save a lot of money during his four-year stay in Germany, \$40,000 to be exact, and that he would have an income of \$800 per month on which he thought he could live in the U.S. The monthly amount is based on his U.S. Civil Service annuity and the 10% - 12% interest which he draws as a result of wise investments of his \$40,000.
4. I told him that I thought he could live on this income, but not lavishly - he would have to watch his expenditures quite closely. I suggested that he might want to supplement his income by doing some work in his general line for which he is well-qualified. He replied, however, that he does not want to work for the U.S. Government any longer and that he is not particularly interested in continuing in archival activities. I told him, however, that I thought that he could possibly persuade the Hoover Institution at Stanford to make some sort of contractual arrangement with him, whereby he could work a certain number of hours per

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week and not be bound by specific working hours and times. I reminded him that the Hoover Institute has quite a large collection of captured German documents which have never been catalogued. BAUER has known about this collection for years, but he never thought about these records in these terms. He picked up the suggestion with apparent enthusiasm and said that it will really be worthwhile to pursue the idea. He plans to write the Institution and inquire.

5. We also spoke about a number of other inconsequential things. BAUER seemed in good spirits. He seems to have overcome most of his personal difficulties and showed pride in his accomplishments at the BDC. He told me that he had streamlined the microfilming process, thus speeding it up considerably, that the filming is progressing most satisfactorily, that it should be finished at the end of this year, and that the costs are being borne by the Germans as part of the costs of supporting the U.S. Government's presence in Berlin.

6. On two or three occasions throughout our talks, I told him - and re-emphasized - the point that my talk with him is purely personal, that I am in Berlin on a brief trip regarding a matter that has no connection with the BDC, and that I have no official interest in captured German documents during this sojourn in Berlin.

7. BAUER expressed the opinion that the BDC will not be turned over to the Germans for at least five years, and most likely not for ten years. He believes it to be a political hot potato for the Germans and they don't want to have it because it might cause them a great deal of embarrassment in front of Communist and other foreign countries.

8. We also spoke about the various collections which are being filmed. He explained that he had made the decisions regarding the filming of the various collections, i.e., which segments are to be filmed and which are to be returned to the Germans without being copied. He said that he presented his proposals to the chief of the U.S. Mission in Berlin and that his ideas were all accepted. As a matter of fact, he said, all of his proposals to the Mission Chief are generally accepted without changes or reservations. When he told me that he is not planning to film the records of the Einwanderer Zentrale (EWZ) (The Nazi emigration office which processed several million refugees who were fleeing from the Eastern territories now occupied by the Communists), he also said

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that he had mixed feelings about copying these documents on film. We spoke about these records in some detail and I suggested that they may be important enough to copy because of the fact that they contain a great deal of information on persons who were children during the years of World War II and who might continue to be of interest in a variety of ways for the next ten to fifteen years (they would now be forty or less years of age). The interest in them, I explained, would be from an immigration point of view (parents being in the U.S. and the children possibly applying for immigration to the U.S.), or from a geneological point of view (these children having immigrated to the U.S. with their parents might want to trace their ancestry - National Archives has a special section which deals exclusively with geneological references).

9. BAUER said that he was very much aware of the National Archives interest in servicing geneological search requests and had never thought about the EWZ records in these terms. I re-emphasized that my statements are purely personal, that I have no official position in them, that my views are strictly my own, and that I do not want him to go around saying some fellow from Washington had told him to expand his filming program. He said that he understood fully, but that he, nevertheless, thinks that my thoughts are valid, and he will think about the question of filming the EWZ collection.

10. Finally, BAUER asked me whether I might not be interested in succeeding him as Chief at the BDC when I retire. He is looking for a qualified successor and pointed out the advantage of being able to save money (the salary is tax free) while doing something interesting. He seemed very concerned about leaving the job in good hands. I told him that my retirement plans are far from firm and that I do not as yet know when I will retire and what I will be doing at that time.

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